

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments and reconsideration by the Examiner are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for allegedly containing a broad limitation following a narrow limitation. Applicant submits that Claim 1 as original presented does not introduce a broader recitation since in the phrase “separately directing the two or more molten polypropylene polymer components”, the article “the” refers to the same two or more molten polymer components that were recited in the previous paragraph, i.e., “separately melting two or more polypropylene polymer components”. However, in an effort to respond to the issue raised by the Examiner and to further clarify the claim, the term “polypropylene” has been inserted into the second subparagraph. Additionally, Claim 4 has been amended for clarity and consistency with Claim 1 by replacing the term “polymeric” with “polymer”. These amendments do not raise any issues that require further consideration or search and they should place the case in better condition for appeal by eliminating the section 112 rejection. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is solicited.

Additionally, accompanying this response is a terminal disclaimer with respect to commonly owned Taylor, U.S. Patent No. 6,737,009. With the entry of this terminal disclaimer, the non-statutory obviousness type double patenting rejection should be overcome, thereby reducing the issues on appeal.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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